



## Press Release

ArtSpree Media Contact: Megan Workman, 371-5990

ArtSpree 2007, an evening "Down by the Sea," will be held Friday April 27<sup>th</sup> to benefit Three Trees, Inc., *A Center for Grieving Children and their Families*, at the Broadview Hotel from 6:30 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. The highlight of the evening is the live and silent auctions, which features a variety of art mediums and styles by regional artisans, along with entertainment packages, trips and specialty items. Admission to ArtSpree is \$75 per person, which includes dinner and live music by the Tropical Shores Steel Drum Band. Tables of ten may be reserved for \$1,000.

"We have over 75 artists from around the region participating in ArtSpree. There will be paintings, prints, blown glass, ceramics, jewelry and furniture," says Julie Prater Event Chair. "It is a natural fit for our event to focus on art. Expressive art therapy is part of the healing process at Three Trees."

"Without this event, we'd be unable to provide those in need," says executive director, Jeri Biehler. "ArtSpree funds 30% of our budget. All proceeds from ArtSpree help fund programs for children and families struggling with the issues of grief and loss."

Three Trees, Inc. is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide a supportive, comforting environment for grieving children and their families who have experienced the death of a loved one. It is the hope of Three Trees that children who have found their own dreams destroyed by the death of a loved one will find ways to cope and heal. The children and families are invited to participate in age-appropriate and on going support groups, which use a variety of therapeutic techniques to find useful and meaningful ways to express grief as they travel through the cycle of loss. Not only has Three Trees provided much needed support to over 1000 children and 750 families in Wichita and the surrounding communities, but Three Trees has provided training and resource support to schools, professionals and lay members of our community through community outreach and education.

For more information, please call Three Trees at (316) 263 3335. Three Trees is located at 8100 E. 22<sup>nd</sup> St. North, Bldg 800, Suite 100, Wichita, KS 67226, or visit [www.threetrees.org](http://www.threetrees.org) on the web.